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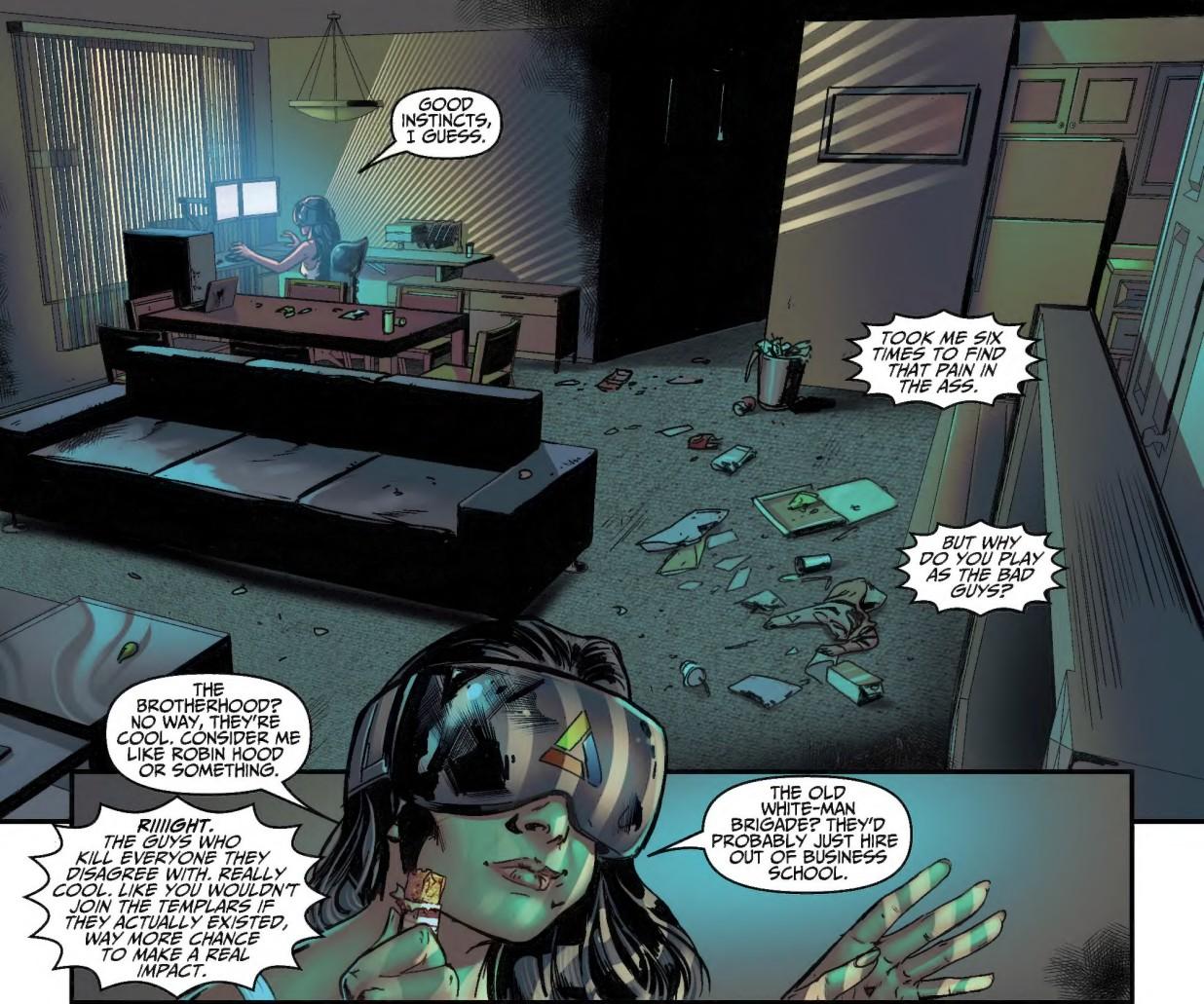


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DON'T WORRY. I'M NOT CREEPY OR ANYTHING.

I've got a big job interview.

WE ALL KNOW THAT A **HUGE** PROBLEM WITH DEVELOPMENT AID IS THAT SO MUCH OF THE MONEY IS LOST TO CORRUPT GOVERNMENTS.

2015.
San Diego,
California.

SO WE JUST IGNORE MOST OF THE DEVELOPING WORLD? WE PUSH THE MOST STABLE COUNTRIES FARther AHEAD? WE DON'T WORK THAT WAY.

INSTEAD OF GIVING FUNDS TO DOZENS OF COUNTRIES, I THINK WORLD SHARE SHOULD FOCUS ON A HANDFUL OF DEMOCRACIES THAT HAVE STRONG HUMAN RIGHTS RECORDS AND ANTI-CORRUPTION SCORES.

A REGIONAL POWER IS THE TIDE THAT LIFTS ALL BOATS. LOOK, IN 1957 MALAYSIA AND GHANA HAD THE SAME GDP PER-CAPITA. BY 2000 THE MALAYSIANS WERE EIGHT TIMES WEALTHIER. WHAT HAPPENED? JAPAN. THAT'S WHAT.

CRAP. YOU'RE LOSING HER.

NOT TO INTERRUPT, MS. DE LA CRUZ, BUT YOU NEED TO WALK BEFORE YOU CAN RUN. WE HAVE A SYSTEM CREATED BY PEOPLE WITH A LOT MORE EXPERIENCE THAN YOU.

NO. I NEVER HAD HER.

THAT'S HER DAUGHTER.

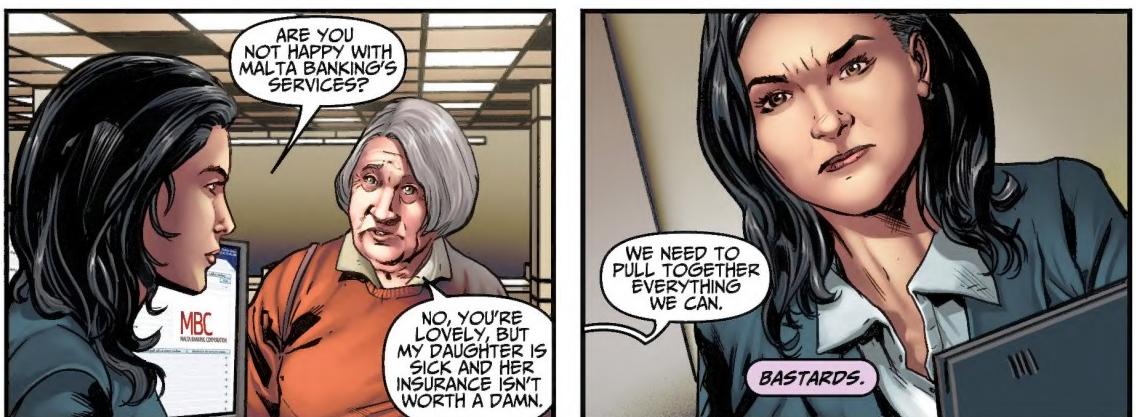
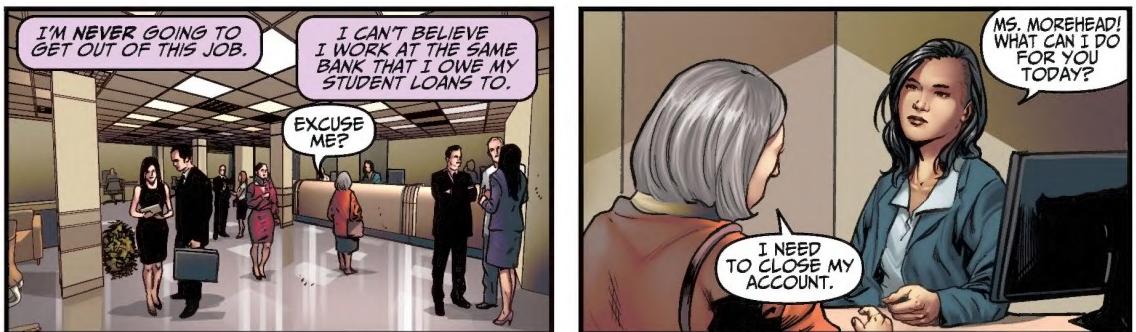
SHE'S GOING TO GIVE THE JOB TO HER. I KNOW IT.

WHAT, BECAUSE I'M NOT SOME IVORY TOWER HARVARD KID I CAN'T CONTRIBUTE?

SCREW IT. YOU DON'T DESERVE ME.

I'M SURE YOUR DAUGHTER WILL BE A MUCH BETTER FIT IN YOUR "SYSTEM."











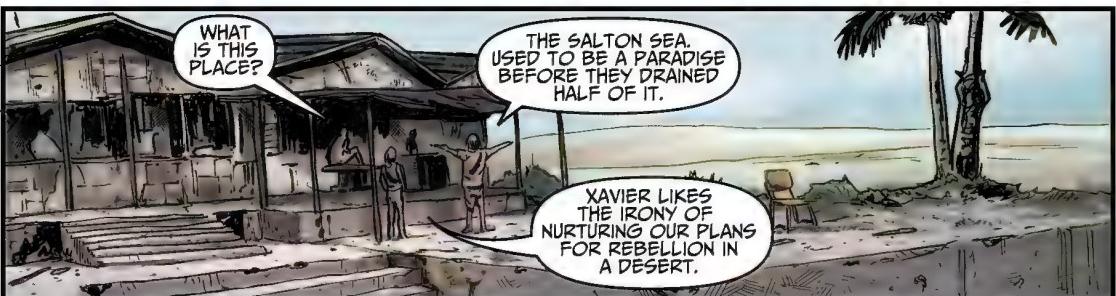




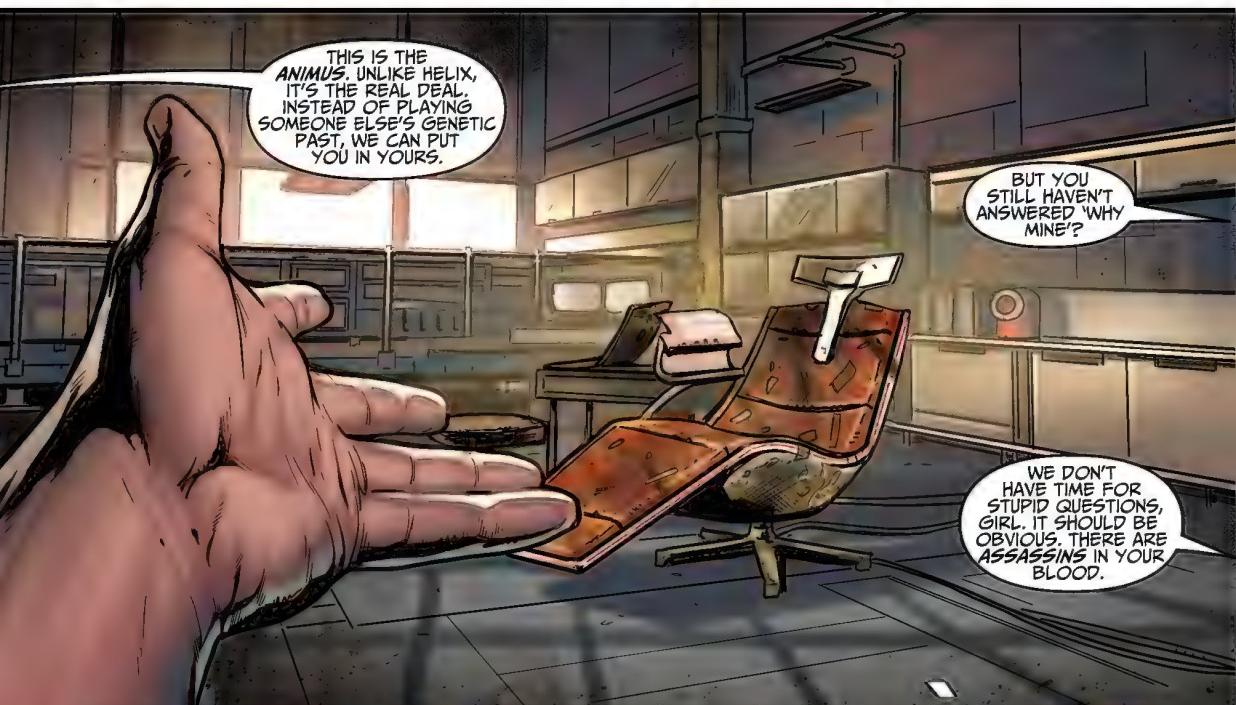
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"NOT EVERYONE CAN HANDLE THE REAL THING."

HO-LY SHIT!

WOAH, THIS IS SO MUCH MORE INTENSE THAN MY HOME SET-UP.

MOM'S GONNA HAVE TO DO SOME EXPLAINING.

MY ANCESTOR'S A WHITE DUDE? WEIRD.

1692.
Salem Village.

BRIDGET BISHOP, YOU HAVE BEEN SENTENCED TO DEATH FOR THE CRIME OF WITCHCRAFT! WILL YOU SAVE YOUR SOUL AND ADMIT YOUR SINS BEFORE YOU GO TO GOD?

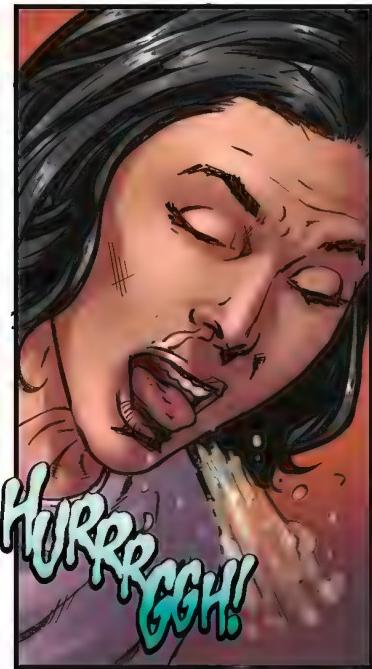
I AM NO WITCH. I AM INNOCENT. I KNOW NOTHING OF IT.

LIAR! MERCY LEWES AND ABIGAIL WILLIAMS HAVE SWORN IN FRONT OF OUR LORD THAT YOU CAME TO THEM AS A SHADOW AND PINCHED AND TORMENTED THEM!

OH, THAT'S IRON-CLAD EVIDENCE.

ALRIGHT, ASSASSIN-ANCESTOR. LET'S SEE YOU KICK SOME PARANOID MISOGYNIST ASS.









"BUT I NOTICE
YOU NEVER TOLD THE
GIRL THAT THIS COULD
DESTROY HER."

TO BE CONTINUED...

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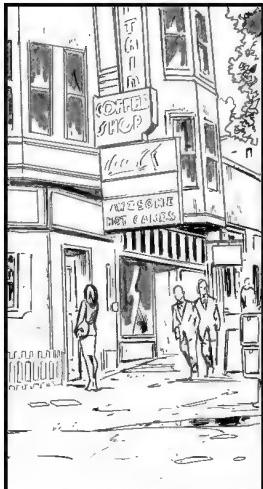
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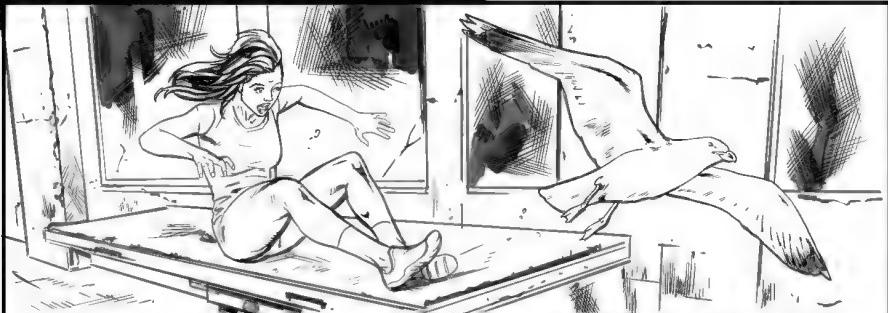
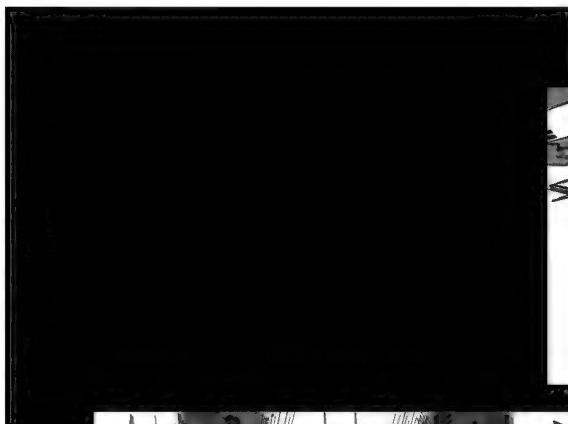
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As the forces of the Templar weave ever-closer to the ragtag band of Assassins and their hidden base, Charlotte dives deep into the genetic memories of her ancestor, Tom. Can she learn to synchronize with a man whose beliefs and methods she abhors? Can she find the hidden truths that will prove one man a traitor... or a hero?

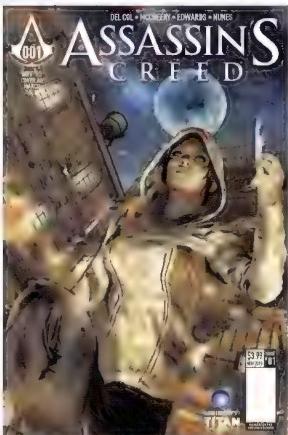


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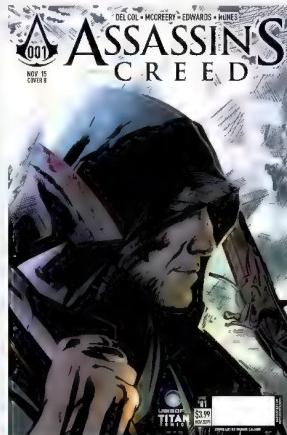
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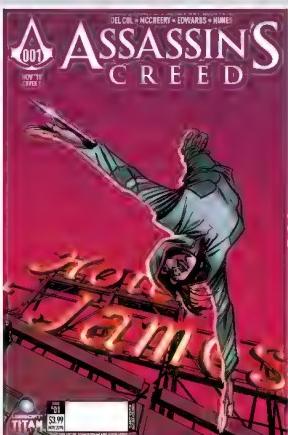
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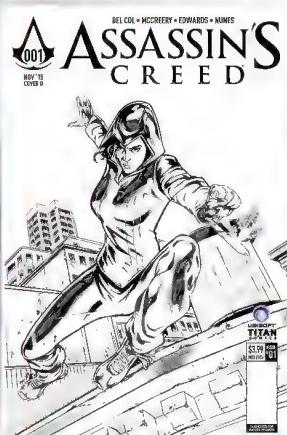
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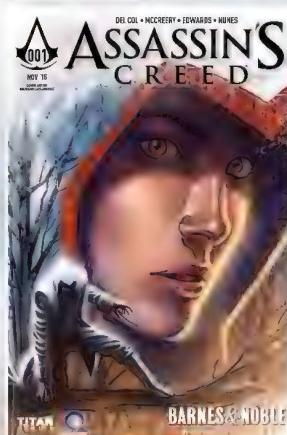
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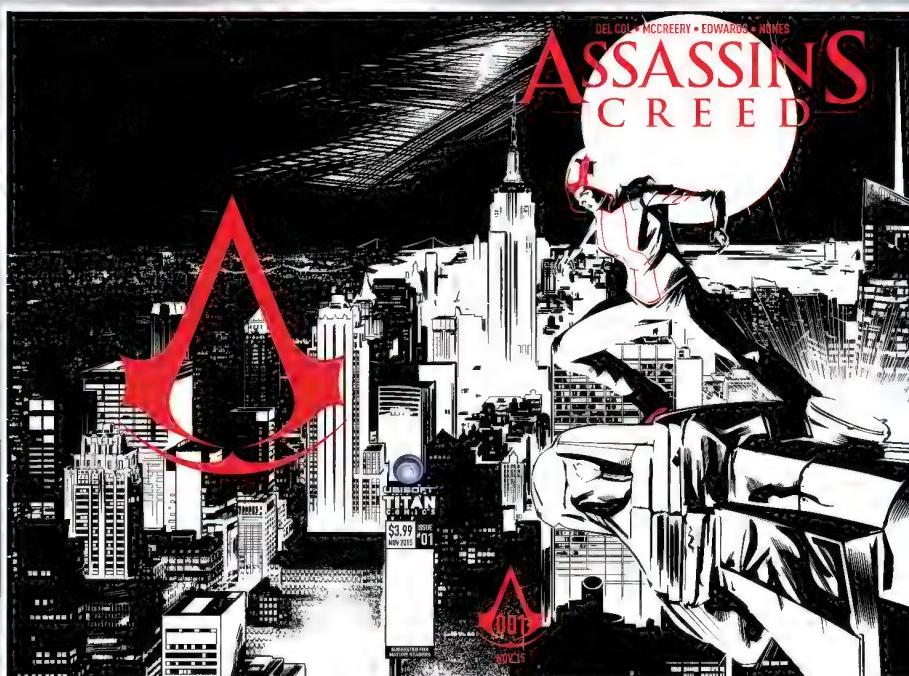
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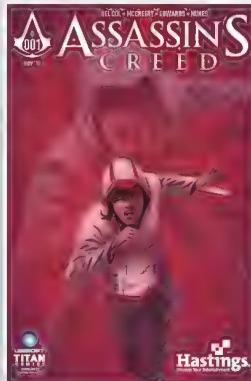
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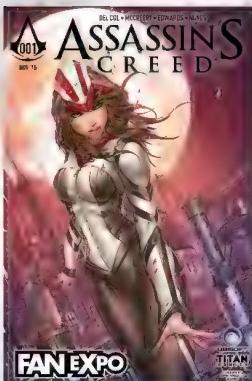
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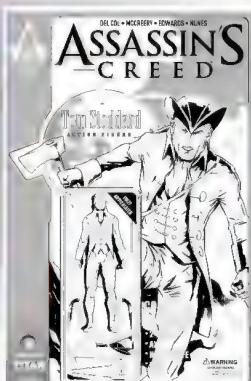
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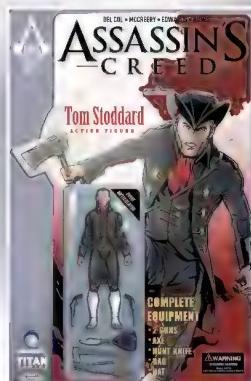
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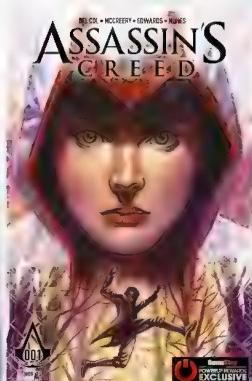
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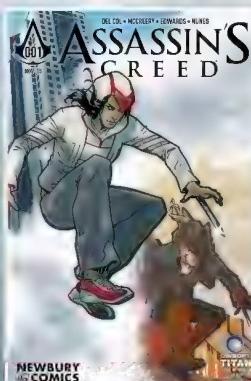
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